

## Meeting of the Heating Advisory Committee on November 3, 2006

Members present: Kevin Bayley, Omer Beaudoin, Andy Bernier, Ken Herrick, Al Little, Bob Lundergan, Lyndon Rickards, Ken Taylor, Bob Wilkins

After much discussion Rob Farley was asked to get the Fire Marshal's opinion on the following topics:

- 1 Will the testing option for equivalency sunset in 2 years?
- 2 Could a licensed person supervise 2 trainees?
- 3 Would the emergency provision found in HB 1711 cover run outs of gas where the driver leak tests the system and lights the pilots?

The following changes were suggested to the rules:

- 1 Under gas piping installer change the wording to indicate that the education section applied to both natural gas and propane. Also indicate that gas piping must be properly installed.
- 2 Indicate for all of the specialty licenses that the approved training programs met the testing requirement.
- 3 Change the hours of formal education required for installation technicians from a minimum of 48 hours to a minimum of 72 hours.
- 4 Lyndon Rickards volunteered to rework the educational requirements for service technicians.
- 5 Under hearth systems delete the sentence that does not allow technicians who qualify as hearth system installers to automatically qualify as a gas pipe fitter. This was previously approved and mentioned in the rules under 8003.01.
- 6 Change the minimum hours of formal instruction for hearth systems from 50 hours to 48 hours.
- 7 Revise Appendix A Approved Training Programs. Add the National Fireplace Institute for both the gas piping installer and hearths systems technician. Correct the NATE and CETP modules for each specialty license (be sure the natural gas installation and service licenses use only the Maine versions where available). Add the Bay State Gas/ Northern Utilities Program (appropriate modules) to the installer technician matrix.